Dear Professor Lee:

I am writing this letter of recommendation on behalf of Dr. Alex Johnson, in support of their application to your postdoctoral position at University Laboratory. I was Dr. Johnson’s faculty advisor at Technical College Institute and have known Alex in both a research and personal capacity. Dr. Johnson is a passionate researcher with a strong mathematical background who demonstrates inspiring determination when faced with challenges. In short, University Laboratory would be lucky to have a candidate with such a diverse skill set encompassing deep mathematical rigor, strong publication skills and excellent presentation abilities, as Dr. Johnson.

Dr. Johnson first came to Technical College Institute with a background in pure mathematics. Their top-notch mathematical background proved an asset when dealing with the complex gaseous and magnetoionic theories applied in the research program pursued in my Aeronomy Lab. Dr. Johnson overcame the challenges inherent is changing research fields, a non-trivial task that now grants them a unique perspective when approaching scientific problems. Dr. Johnson is also very passionate about their research, and is willing to pursue avenues that others may not see as possible to determine the validity of a hypothesis.

Over the period of their doctoral studies, Dr. Johnson came into their own academically and personally. They have a strong publication record, with four peer-reviewed papers published during the course of their degree program. For example, the first of Dr. Johnson’s publications entitled “A new method of viewing the E-region Ionosphere from LEO Satellite”, presented a novel method for viewing a rarely probed region of Earth’s atmosphere through use of a new camera technology created in our Aeronomy in collaboration with our graduate students. This one example underscores the rare research acumen Dr. Johnson shows in our field.

During Dr. Johnson’s tenure here, they excelled at working with external collaborators and presenting their work at conferences. Dr. Johnson is an exceptional speaker, and has received three awards for *Outstanding Paper/Poster* from different professional organizations. For example, following an invited speaking invitation at the 2019 Aeronomy Fall Meeting, Dr. Johnson was able to foster a collaboration with a prominent engineer in our field, ultimately leading to our new E-region viewing camera technology being incorporated on a new successful mission proposal. It is these types of collaborations and public speaking skills that make Dr. Johnson standout amongst their peers.

In brief, Dr. Johnson’s unique perspective, adaptability, and strong interpersonal connections make them a natural leader and researcher. These distinct skills, in conjunction with Dr. Johnson’s research expertise, makes them an ideal candidate for your postdoctoral position. Please feel free to contact me via email or phone with any additional questions you have regarding Dr. Alex Johnson’s application.

Sincerely,

Professor Jones

Technical College Institute